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1945 POPCORN PRODUCTION A RECORD

The Nation produced a bumper crop of popcorn this year totalling about 436 million pounds, which is 86 percent more than the 235 million pounds produced last year. Growers report that the quality is generally good in most producing areas. Early season planting intentions were exceeded by almost 10 percent. About 327,000 acres were planted this year or 80 percent more than in 1944. More than 301,000 acres of this were harvested, losses and abandonment being about 8 percent, compared with about 4 percent last year when 175,000 acres were harvested.

Although the 1945 crop did not escape some setbacks, such as late planting, floods, and frost damage in some areas, it matured under relatively favorable conditions. The estimated yield of 1,447 pounds of ear corn per acre is about 100 pounds more than the 1,343 pound yield of last year.

Production in each of the 12 commercial producing States, except California, is much above last year and far ahead of any other year of record. Some States produced twice as much as last year and a few States tripled their 1944 production.

State by State, big crops of popcorn were produced this year because of a combination of big acreages and big yields. Ohio acreage and production is about 3 times that of 1944. Indiana production is almost triple that of last year. Illinois produced a bumper crop of high quality popcorn, over half of which is of the South American variety. Iowa, the leading State, produced over 100 million pounds. Here the crop suffered considerable frost damage and losses in some fields were heavy in main producing areas. Almost 10 percent of the planted acreage was lost or abandoned. The yield in Iowa was considerably below 1944, primarily because of frosts. Missouri also lost considerable acreage, chiefly from floods.

Nebraska produced a bumper crop -- over $3\frac{1}{2}$ times the 1944 outturn. While the yield per acre was only slightly below last year, the acreage harvested was $3\frac{3}{4}$ times that of a year ago. Oklahoma, comparatively new in the business but second in acreage this year, produced over 30 million pounds on 38,000 acres harvested. An extended wet season caused a loss of about 8,000 acres in the State. Comparatively low yields and heavy abandonment held the Texas crop to only moderate gains over a year ago. Prices to growers for the 1945 crop, in most States, are about the same as in 1944. Prices for 1945 are subject to a ceiling price of about \$3.68 per 100 pounds of ear corn. The same ceiling price also prevailed last year.

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POPCORN: ACREAGE, YIELD PER ACRE, AND PRODUCTION 1/

State	: Acreage harvested			: Yield per acre 2/			: Production 2/		
	: Average: 1944 : 1945			: Average: 1944 : 1945			: Average: 1944 : 1945		
	: 1935-43:			: 1935-43:			: 1935-43:		
	Acres			Pounds			Thousand pounds		
Ohio	7,789	13,000	30,000	1,636	1,450	1,850	12,699	18,850	55,500
Ind.	7,811	17,700	34,800	1,783	1,325	1,975	13,611	23,452	68,730
Ill.	9,144	19,500	31,200	1,508	1,200	1,800	13,753	23,400	56,160
Mich.	2,908	2,400	3,500	1,246	1,200	1,200	3,606	2,880	4,200
Iowa	27,378	50,300	75,000	1,284	1,700	1,400	36,466	85,510	105,000
Mo.	3/ 5,600	11,500	15,000	3/ 1,309	1,680	1,680	3/ 7,473	19,320	25,200
Nebr.	4,089	8,700	33,000	859	1,400	1,350	3,105	12,180	44,550
Kans.	3,893	5,700	8,400	871	1,400	1,100	3,345	7,980	9,240
Ky.	1,533	13,500	14,400	928	1,000	1,400	1,542	13,500	20,160
Okla.	—	18,000	38,000	—	800	850	—	14,400	32,300
Tex.	5,311	12,500	16,000	1,150	950	850	6,078	11,875	13,600
Calif.	3/ 2,106	2,000	2,000	3/ 894	700	600	3/ 1,874	1,400	1,200
U.S.	77,418	174,800	301,300	1,327	1,343	1,447	103,139	234,747	435,840

1/ In principal commercial producing States.

2/ Of ear corn; 70 pounds to the bushel.

3/ Short-time average.

POPCORN: PRICE AND VALUE

State	: Season average price per 100			: Value of production		
	: lb. received by farmers 1/			: 1944 : 1945 2/		
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	Dollars			Thousand dollars		
Ohio	3.80		3.75	716		2,081
Ind.	3.70		3.70	868		2,543
Ill.	3.85		3.70	901		2,078
Mich.	5.60		3.60	161		151
Iowa	3.70		3.70	3,164		3,885
Mo.	3.70		3.70	715		932
Nebr.	4.00		3.70	487		1,648
Kans.	3.70		3.40	295		314
Ky.	3.70		3.60	500		726
Okla.	3.70		3.70	533		1,195
Tex.	3.50		3.70	416		503
Calif.	7.00		7.00	98		84
U.S.	3.77		3.70	8,854		16,140

1/ Ear corn.

2/ The 1945 price and value figures are preliminary.

The values shown are for the marketing season or crop year and should not be confused with calendar year income.